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## Survey of NPL-Eligible Sites: U.S. EPA

## Introduction

The U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) examines issues for the U.S. Congress. We are conducting a review of contaminated sites that are considered "NPL-eligible." That is, these sites are found to be eligible for placement on the National Priorities List (NPL) after a site inspection by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As part of our review, we are sending surveys to all EPA regions to request information on the individual sites located in their region. We are assessing the likelihood that sites will be placed on the NPL and the activities that are occurring to mitigate contamination at these sites.

This questionnaire asks about 1 of 3,000 NPL-eligible sites nationwide (as of October 8, 1997). In this questionnaire, we ask for information contained in your site inspection records. We are sending a similar survey to the appropriate state/territory/tribe to gain its perspective and to obtain additional information that they might have. Therefore, it is not necessary to consult with the state, territory, or tribe since they are also providing site information to us. Please have the most appropriate EPA staff till out the questionnaire for the site indicated on the label.

Your response within 21 days of receiving this survey will help us avoid costly follow-ups. If the self-addressed business-reply envelope is missing, please return the questionnaire to the following address:

U.S. General Accounting Office Attn: Vincent Price 441 G Street NW, Room 2T23 Washington, DC 20548

If you have any questions, please call Vince Price at (202) 512-6529.

Thank you for your assistance.

## Site name and location:

US DOE ARGONNE NATIONAL LAB
9700 S CASS AVE
ARGONNE IL 60439

CERCLIS #: IL3890008946 GAO #: 1863-B

1. Please fill out the following in case we need
to contact the person completing this survey.  AL GEBIEN
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Name: deanne Griffin
312/886÷ <del>3007</del> 1304
Phone:

- 2. Please answer each question below to determine whether this site should be included in our survey. (Please circle answers.)
- a. Is site deferred to RCRA or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission?
- b. Is site's preliminary Hazardous
  Ranking System score below
  28.5?

  Yes No.
- c. Is site now designated as "no further remedial action planned" (NFRAP)?

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- d. Is site now addressed as part of an existing NPL site?
- e. Is site proposed for the NPL?

  Yes

  No
- 3. Did you answer "yes" for any item above? (Check one.)
  - 1. [X] Yes--> Please stop here and return this survey to us.
  - 2. [ ] No --> Please continue with survey.